



Remarks

Amendments to the Claims: Applicant is canceling the original claims 1-33, withdrawing the claims 34-40 submitted in the last correspondence and submitting new claims 41-48. The new claim 41 concisely describes the invention. Claims 42 through 48 refer to claim 41 and describe options to the invention.

Amendments to the Drawings: The original Figure 7 showed uneven lines in the illustration of the cut of the jacket from the armpits to the center of the jacket. The replacement drawing shows clean lines sweeping from each armpit over the bust line and ending between the breasts at the base of the wearer's chest. The original drawing showed no detail at the front closure. The replacement drawing shows a zipper closure.

The original Figure 8 showed the neckline in the back of the jacket exceeding the wearer's under-shirt. The replacement drawing properly depicts the jacket fully covering the upper shoulders. The original Figure 8 did not show the spring-like fastener for the chain attaching to the base of the V-cut on the back of the jacket. The replacement Figure 8 illustrates the spring-like fastener attached to the chain and then attached to the base of the jacket.

Included are replacement drawings for Figures 7 & 8 with the inventor's identifying information omitted from the top as it appeared in the previous submission.

Amendments to the Specifications: An amended specification of paragraph [0006] as it appears in the SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION is being submitted to reflect the jacket embodiment as illustrated in Figures 7 & 8 and to provide the background for the new claims 41-48. There is no new material being presented in the amended specification; there is wording being added to better clarify the embodiment.

Argument for Uniqueness: The jacket embodiment as illustrated in replacement Figures 7 & 8 and described in claims 41-48 is unique from the garments invented by J.G. Fowler, R. Mathias and David J. Jones in the following ways:

Applicant's jacket is designed to provide comfortable coverage when riding in warm weather and to highlight a woman's figure by having the front of the jacket only cover the top part of the chest and having the center of the chest portion end a few inches above the waistline. Additionally, the back of the applicant's jacket extends from the armpits down to a point at the center of the wearer's rear waistline. To keep the jacket anchored while riding, a chain or strap is attached to both sides of the front closure and to the base of the V-shaped back panel.

The garment designed by J.G. Fowler is intended as a semi-undergarment to provide warmth to the arms. The front and back panels are cinched tightly against the wearer's body with the back portion sitting high on the shoulder-blades.

The garment designed by Mathias is essentially a pair of protective sleeves that connect with narrow strap-like back and chest portions and is worn high on the shoulders. It is intended for industrial use to protect the wearer from electrical shock and other working hazards.

The garment designed by David J. Jones is a tubular item that covers the arms, upper shoulders and sometimes, the head. It is intended to provide warmth to the arms while leaving the rest of the body unrestricted. There is no chest portion to this garment.

In summary, applicant's invention does not copy the inventions of J.G. Fowler, R. Mathias and David J. Jones; it is unique in its design and intention.